

2304.4 MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

A. PAYMENT OF LIFE HISTORIES

1. When a county is unable to complete a Life History on a child within the required time frame, the county may contact the Office of Adoptions to determine if funds are available to have the services contracted out to the statewide vendor.
2. Currently as of August 2004, the Life Histories are contracted out of State Adoption Office only. The county should not be paying locally for cost of Life Histories.

B. DFCS FOSTER CARE HOME CONVERSION:

1. Also, when funds are available and the county is unable to complete a foster home conversion of a DFCS foster home within the required time frame, the county may request funds to have an individual or licensed private agency to complete the conversion for a fee of \$300.
2. The funds must be requested from the State Office of Adoptions.

C. MEDICAID

1. Any child who is a recipient of Adoption Assistance is eligible to receive Medicaid benefits unless ineligible for Medicaid due to income or citizenship status.
2. Any child determined ineligible for Medicaid, the state must have a plan in place for the provision of medical care.
3. Therefore, any requests for medical bill payments through adoption funding should have documentation of Medicaid or insurance denial.

D. ADOPTION ASSISTANCE MODULE

1. For the adoption assistance module to calculate correctly, Adoption Assistance cannot be prepaid. It must be paid in the month that it is due.
2. Payments are authorized at the beginning of the month for use during that same month.

E. CHILD OVER AGE 18

1. If the child remains in school and continues to be eligible after the age of 18 for Maintenance Adoption Assistance, the assistance will be paid out of Program 508 – Adoption Assistance for State Children.
2. The parent must verify school attendance each quarter/semester. Benefits end when ever school is finished; the child is no longer in school, or the child reaches age 21, whichever comes first.
3. Children age 18 or older are only eligible for Monthly Maintenance Adoption Assistance, Medicaid, and in a rare case Non-recurring Adoption Assistance.
4. The children are no longer eligible for Special Services Adoption Assistance including respite and orthodontics after the month they turn 18 years of age.

F. CHILD RESTRICTED FUNDS

1. Following adoption finalization, any remaining funds in the child's restricted DFCS account shall be provided to the adoptive parent, per Foster Care Manual Section 1016.33.
2. The circumstances of a child who has a trust fund or inheritance will be evaluated on an individual basis, by the County Director/Designee, taking into consideration the availability of funds.
3. Refer to DFCS Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual Special Restrictive Funds for Zebley Trust for a child who has Zebley Funds in a trust account.

G. ADOPTIVE CHILD REENTERS FOSTER CARE

1. If a child reenters foster care on a temporary basis, the family may continue to receive Adoption Assistance Payments if the family remains financially responsible for the child.
2. If the family is no longer legally or financially responsible for the child, Adoption Assistance is terminated.